

John Doll, Commissioner for Patents
USPTO

Application Number: 09/683,426

Attorney Docket Number: ASCO.P-070

Title of Invention: Postage stamps authenticating the sender of a mail piece, and methods for use therewith

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Dear Commissioner Doll:

The appeal in this case has been fully briefed since August of 2006, more than seven months ago.

We have made inquiry to the Board of Patent Appeals asking when this appeal will be heard, and have been told there is no present scheduled date to hear this appeal.

Kindly advise when the oral hearing will take place in this appeal.

Sincerely,

/s/

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